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To the Chairman and Members of the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council.

I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District.

Steady progress on the sewerage schemes in Stockbridge and Wellow was made during the year, and we look forward to these schemes coming into use in the not too distant future.

Feeding habits of our increasing population have changed over the years and nowadays a very much larger quantity of poultry is eaten week by week in the country than in the days when meat inspection was organised. There are two large and two smaller poultry processing and packing establishments in the Rural District and during the year inspections were carried out regularly in accordance with the Ministry Circular No.22/61. As the two major poultry establishments are in the Wallop Parish this poultry inspection has used a very great deal of the time of the Public Health Inspectorate so that the present staff of two Public Health Inspectors needs to be increased.

I would like to record my appreciation and thanks to all members of the staff of the Public Health Department for their work during the year.

E. JACKSON

Medical Officer of Health





### STAFF

Medical Officer of Health (part time)	E. JACKSON M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector	H.G. SMITH A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Inspector	M.C. GRATTON M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Rodent Officer	R. A. LANAGHAN
Clerk	MRS. I. FLINT

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (acres)	82,061
Population (as estimated by the Registrar General)	25,010
Rateable Value (1.4.67)	£857,574
Product of each penny of General Rate (1.4.67)	£3715.00
Number of Council Houses built during 1967	69
Total Number of Council Houses	1,087
Total Number of inhabited houses	7,294



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SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1967 AS SUPPLIED  
BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

	Total	Male	Female	1966
Live Births				
Total Registered	487	247	240	417
Legitimate	350	226	124	391
Illegitimate	37	21	16	37
Still Births				
Total Registered	3	1	2	6
Legitimate	2	1	1	6
Illegitimate	1	0	1	0
Total Live and Still Births	490	248	242	423
Deaths				
Total Registered	184	92	92	242
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0
Infant Deaths				
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age				
Legitimate	7	5	2	7
Illegitimate	7	5	2	7
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age				
Total Registered	11	7	4	5
Legitimate	11	7	4	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0

Comparative Statistics where  
available

	Ronsey and Stockbridge Rural District	England and Wales
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated popu- lation	19.5	17.2
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live & still births	6	14.8
Total I.M.R.	14	18.3
Neo-natal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births		12.5
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births.	Nil	
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	7.4	11.2

Comparability Factors

Births 1.07

Deaths 0.99





CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1967

	Male	Female	Total	1966
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	1	4	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	6	1	7	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	5	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	11	10	21	24
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1	2	0
Diabetes	-	3	3	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	12	14	26	46
Coronary Disease, Angina	19	16	35	39
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	1	2	5
Other Heart Disease	11	14	25	18
Other Circulatory Disease	2	3	5	15
Influenza	1	-	1	1
Pneumonia	3	6	9	10
Bronchitis	7	2	9	11
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	4	1	5	4
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	2	-	2	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1	-
Congenital Malformations	2	-	2	4
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	3	13	16	21
All other Accidents	1	-	1	6
Suicide	2	-	2	3
	92	92	184	233

# STANDARD FORM NO. 64

NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	CITY
J. Edgar Hoover	Director	Federal Bureau of Investigation	Washington, D. C.	Washington, D. C.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

1. The Medical Officer of Health is also the Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Romsey and a Senior Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer of the Hampshire County Council. This combined appointment helps to co-ordinate the medical services supplied by the County Council as the Local Health Authority in accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the services supplied by the District Council.

2. The County Council supply the following services:-

(a) Ambulance Services

Ambulances are stationed at Romsey (1) and Broughton (1) and controlled from the County Council Offices at Winchester. Additional ambulances can be sent to the District from the depot at Winchester.

(b) Nursing in the Home and Health Visiting

District Nurses are responsible for domiciliary midwifery and home nursing. They keep in close touch with the County Council Health Visitors, the General Practitioners of their areas, and the Medical Officer of Health.

The attachment of District Nurses to two Group Medical Practices in Romsey has continued through 1967

District Nurses

Miss P.R. Cork	8 Winfrith Way, Nursling (Telephone: Rownhams 239)
Miss M. Laycock	"Brambles", Cupernham Lane, Romsey (Telephone: Romsey 3302) left
Miss B. D. Sharp	"Brambles", Cupernham Lane, Romsey (Telephone: Romsey 3302)
Mrs. S. A. Sheppard	"Ty-Own", Horsebridge Road, King's Somborne (Telephone King's Somborne 232) Left 9. 10. 67
Mrs. J. M. Walker	Knockwood Lane, Middle Wullop
Mrs. Picken	"Kyrenia", Megana Way, Braishfield (Telephone: Braishfield 263)







Attached to practice of Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson, Johnson  
& Summerhayes

Miss. Laycock  
Mrs. Picken

Attached to practice of Drs. Rankine, Dale & Wattie

Miss Cork  
Miss Sharp

In other areas

Mrs. Walker

#### Combined Duties

In 2 areas of the Rural District there is a combined duties appointment in which one person does the duties of District Nurse, Midwife and Health Visitor.

Mrs. I.C. Clarke "Newlands", Rectory Hill, West Dean  
(Telephone: Lockerley 212)

Miss R. Marks Plough Gardens, Broughton  
(Telephone Broughton 249)

#### Health Visitors

There was some re-arrangement of areas of Health Visitors during the year and the present Health Visitors are:-

Mrs. M. Pointer "Bryn-Coed", Newtown Road, Sherfield English  
(Telephone: Lockerley 377)

partly attached to practice of Drs. Rankine, Dale & Wattie

Mrs. M. E. Ward Flat 2, Harefield House, Winchester Hill  
Romsey.

(Telephone: Romsey 3170)  
partly attached to practice of Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson,  
Johnson & Summerhayes

Mrs. C.E. Watts "The Spruces", Hook Road, Ampfield  
(Telephone: Chandlers Ford 3733)

partly attached to practice of Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson,  
Johnson & Summerhayes



Miss Gould                      West Wellow

The County Council employ Health Visitors, who visit children from the age of two weeks, when they pass from the care of the District Nurses until the age of five years when the child enters school.

Broughton	2nd Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Houghton	4th Tuesday of the month at 2.0 p.m.
King's Somborne	1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Lockerley	4th Wednesday of the month at 2.0 p.m.
Middle Wallop Camp	2nd Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
North Baddesley	1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Nursling	4th Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.
Over Wallop	4th Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.
Romsey	Every Thursday at 2 p.m.
Timsbury	2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.
Stockbridge	4th Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Wellow	4th Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.
West Tytherley	3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Sherfield English	1st Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

(d) Care of Mothers and Young Children

(e) Home Help Service

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(f) Vaccination and Immunisation

See Section of this report - Infectious Diseases Prophylaxis

(g) Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care

These services are part of the duties of Health Visitors, District Nurses, Public Health Inspectors and Medical Officers. The County Medical Officer also has a Health Education Section in the County Health Department.

3. Hospital Services

The South West Regional Hospital Board supply general maternity and infectious diseases (including tuberculosis) and smallpox hospital services for this area.

4. Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory Winchester, the M.R.C. Laboratory, Southampton and the Pathology Department, Salisbury General Infirmary.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

### Water Supply

(i) 18 samples of water from private sources were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. 13 of these were found to be satisfactory.

(ii) 4 samples of water submitted for chemical examination all proved satisfactory.

(iii) The West Hampshire Water Company remain Statutory Undertakers to part of the Parishes of Wellow and part of Melchet Park and Plaitford, the Southampton Corporation being Statutory Undertakers for the remainder of the District. The numbers supplied by the respective undertakers are enumerated in the table below.

(iv) No cases of contamination by lead were experienced during the year.

(v) The number of premises connected to the Local Authority watermains are shown in the Table below:-

Parish	Number of premises.
Ampfield	417
Ashley	18
Bossington	20
Braishfield	180
Broughton	285
Chilworth	323
East Dean	77
East Tytherley	32
Frenchmoor	13
Houghton	118
King's Somborne	333
Lockerley	205
Longstock	62
Melchet Park and Plaitford	46 + 32 = 78
Michelmersh	150
Mottisfont	102
Nether Wallop	221
North Baddesley	968
Nursling and Rownhams	777
Over Wallop	262
Romsey Extra	294
Sherfield English	353
Stockbridge	133
Wellow	87 + 439 = 526
West Tytherley	8





(vi) New extensions of watermains completed during the year are shown in the Table below:-

Parish	Length in yards	Dia. of Mains in inches
Chilworth	39	3
Houghton	192	3
Mottisfont	85 ) 104 )	4 2
Kings Somborne	21	4
Nether Wallop	157	4
North Baddesley	874 ) 421 )	4 3
Nursling & Rownhams	78 ) 42 )	4 3
Over Wallop	223	18
Romsey Extra	128	3
Stockbridge	148	3
Wellow	235	3



## 2. Sewerage

During the year the number of sewer connections in the Parish of Nursling and Rownhams remained at 570 and in the Parish of North Baddesley to 935.

The contractors have commenced laying sewers in the parishes of Stockbridge and Wellow and good progress is being made.

Unfortunately no work has been commenced at Crampmoor or Braishfield where there are serious drainage difficulties. Once again I must mention Chilworth where nuisances from overflowing cesspools and septic tanks are increasing.

## HOUSING

3. (i) The following dwellings were erected by this Council during 1967.

Parish	Number	Description
Broughton	2 6	1 Bedroom flats Bedsitting room flats
North Baddesley	51	2 & 3 bedroom flats
TOTAL	59	

251 houses were erected by private enterprise





(ii) Moveable Dwellings

At the end of the year 55 site licences were in force under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. The total number of caravans occupying these sites is 173.

The Model Standards are enforced in full in respect of those licenced sites consisting of more than 3 caravans.

(iii) Slum Clearance

The Council are still awaiting the completion of the main drainage scheme at Stockbridge before building in that parish thus providing accommodation for the families living in unfit houses.

A further survey has been made of houses in the Parishes of Wellow and Broughton and the Council will be recommended to deal with 20 to 30 houses as unfit in these two Parishes when alternative accommodation is available for the families living in them. It is hoped to extend the survey to other Parishes during 1968.

4. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

(a) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. premises registered during the year	Total No. of Reg. premises at end of year	No. registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3	18	18
Retail Shops	12	64	64
Wholesale shops/ warehouses	Nil	2	2
Catering establishments open to the public/canteens	2	15	15
Fuel storage depots	Nil	Nil	Nil





(b) Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	No. persons employed
Offices	143
Retail Shops	182
Wholesale department, warehouse	93
Catering establishments open to the public	81
Canteens	12
Fuel storage depots	-

TOTAL 511

Total Males 189

Total Females 322

(c) No applications for exemptions under the provisions of the Act were received during the year, nor was it found necessary to institute any prosecutions. Contraventions discovered during general inspection were rectified by informal action.

The Chief Public Health Inspector and the Additional Public Health Inspector are the Inspectors appointed under Section 52 of the Act.

5. Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

10 licences were issued under the provisions of the above Act during the year, subject to Conditions adopted by this Authority in respect of the number of cats and/or dogs to be accommodated, size and construction of accommodation, heating, lighting and ventilation, cleanliness and prevention of infectious diseases, bedding, food and drink and storage thereof, fire-fighting equipment and registration of animals etc.

Regular inspections of these premises were made during the year.

6. Public Cleansing

Refuse continued to be collected from the kerbside fortnightly throughout the Rural District with the exception of the Parish of Chilworth where there is a weekly collection.

A Weatherill mechanical Loading Shovel was purchased during the year for use at the tip; this has proved very successful for digging covering material and for covering the refuse. The Fordson four wheel drive tractor is now





kept in reserve.

Every care has been taken to ensure that all refuse deposited at the tip is covered by at least 9" of soil and no complaints have been received of smell or flies. The fire hazard remains, and any fire is immediately reported to the Fire Authority, this is essential in view of the serious nuisance from smoke and fumes which could arise in the area if the refuse was allowed to burn.

The disposal of car bodies is a problem, they are difficult to bury and no firm of car breakers are prepared to remove them.

The Council has in use the following vehicles on refuse collections:-

One Dennis Paxit II compression-type.  
One Dennis Paxit Major II compression-type.  
One Dennis Paxit III dual compression type.  
One Dennis Paxit Major IIIA compression dual type.  
One Bedford 15 cwt van used for general purposes by the foreman.

#### FOOD

7. (i) There are no licenced slaughterhouses within the area.

(ii) Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

Number of samples of raw milk examined 47

Number of Positive samples found 7

#### Egg Pasteurisation Plants

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district

(iii) Food Premises

Premises Registered for manufacture of Ice Cream	Registration for sale of Ice Cream	Registration for preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food
1	96	11

Samples of ice cream taken 7





(iv) Number of Food premises in the area

Licenced Premises	54
Restaurants	24
Food Stores	78
Bakehouses	1
Butcher's Shops	10
Fish Shops	3

(v) Food Hygiene, Market Stalls & Delivery Vehicles 1966

179 contraventions were found during the year and remedied by informal action.

(vi) No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.

8. Poultry Inspection

There are 4 processing premises within the district and all poultry is now inspected as per the Ministry circular 22/61.

2 of the premises are basically processing chickens whilst the other two are solely turkey processing establishments. A considerable number of premises process some quite substantial numbers at Christmas time, but it has been found virtually impossible to keep adequate control over these establishments because of their use for such a short duration. The general food hygiene standard of the premises concerned is satisfactory although there are certain items still in progress which when completed will ensure that they are entirely satisfactory. Complete co-operation has been experienced from the owners of these establishments which has assisted considerably in the carrying out of the inspections.

The following is a summary of the number of birds processed since inspections commenced on 2nd October, 1967.

	<u>No.</u> <u>killed</u>	<u>Weight</u> <u>lbs.</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Conderned</u>	<u>Weight</u> <u>lbs.</u>
Turkeys	36,053	960,134	676	5,628
Poultry	22,164	87,799	247	695

9. Rodent Control - Prevention of Damage by Pest Act 1949

569 properties were treated for rat infestation during the year and 32 for mice. The number of visits to properties by the Rodent Officer both for survey and treatment was 3,010. "Warfarin" is still being used with success and no immunity has been found.

Mr. R.A. Lanaghan continues as the Council's Rodent Officer and also carries out the treatments. This service is one which is being relied upon by the public in an ever increasing measure and requests from the public are most helpful in curtailing the rat population.





10. Factories

(i) Inspection for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Fremises	Number on register	Inspection	Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	63	75	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	64	77	-	-

(ii) Cases in which defects were found

	Number of cases in which defects were:-				
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Prosecutions
Want of cleanliness (Sec.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Sec.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (Sec.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Sec.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Convenience (Sec.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

(iii) 6 Outworkers were employed in the District in the making of wearing apparel. All premises were inspected and found satisfactory.





# PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifications of Infectious Diseases received during the year 1967 are tabulated below.

	Total Notified	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65 and over	Fatalities
Scarlet Fever	7	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis										
Paralytic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Non-Paralytic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles	240	5	48	75	108	1	3	1	1	1
Diphtheria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dysentery & Typhoid	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Meningococcal										
Infection	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Enteric Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Erysipelas	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Food Poisoning	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Tuberculosis										
Respiratory	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ophthalmia										
Neonatorum	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malaria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Many cases of diarrhoea are not reported.





## Immunisation against Diphtheria

During the year anti-Diphtheria injections were given as follows:--

Children born in 1967	75
" " " 1966	243
" " " 1965	92
" " " 1964	38
" " " 1963/60	163
" others under 16	131

Triple antigen (diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus) was used for most infants. The proportion of babies protected by immunisation was fairly satisfactory, but "booster" doses at about 20 months and just before school entry are too often forgotten.

## Vaccination against Smallpox

Year	Primary Vaccinations				Total Prim-ary	Re vacc-ination	Grand Total
	0 - 1 yrs.	1 - 2 yrs.	2 - 15 years	Over 15 years			
1959	172	8	22	9	211	82	293
1960	140	16	16	16	188	109	297
1961	130	40	40	16	226	100	326
1962	182	73	556	757	1,568	2,717	4,285
1963	15	33	8	8	64	42	106
1964	25	145	22	13	205	85	290
1965	121	65	15	18	219	27	246
1966	76	85	19	21	201	24	225
1967	144	101	27	56	328	60	388

It is now advised that healthy babies be vaccinated against smallpox at about the time of the first birthday, most are vaccinated during the month in which the birthday occurs.

There are still many children who are not protected against smallpox in spite of the danger of the introduction of smallpox to nearby air and sea ports by travellers in rapid inter-continental air services and ships.

Special arrangements were made for vaccinating parties of school children going on trips abroad arranged by the Secondary Schools.



# Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

Year	Completed Vaccination	Fourth doses for schoolchildren
1959	3,427	
1960	1,161	
1961	708	1,189
1962	719	118
1963	525	178
1964	369	149
1965	383	225
1966	419	161
1967	392	139

Oral vaccine given on sugar is used for most vaccinations. There are still some children who are not adequately protected against poliomyelitis either in infancy or with a "booster" at school entry.







